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REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed December 16, 2004.

Section 103 Rejections

Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0032254, listing Hawkins as inventor ("*Hawkins*") in view of U.S. Patent 6,684,088, granted to Halahmi ("*Halahmi*"). While Applicants disagree with these rejections, Applicants have nonetheless amended the claims. Applicants submit that *Hawkins* and *Halahmi*, even when combined, do not disclose, teach, or suggest, at least the following limitations of amended independent Claim 1:

> providing a service module within the integrated communication server, the service module operable to:
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> process network configuration requests,
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> process subscriber configuration requests, and
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> maintain a list of registered component interfaces.

With reference to the above limitation and in accordance with one embodiment of the Applicants' invention, a service module, among other items, may process network configuration requests, may process subscriber configuration requests and may maintain a list of registered component interfaces. Neither *Hawkins* nor *Halahmi* contemplate such features. Rather, with regards to the *Hawkins* system, a proxy server 180 is disclosed as follows:

> The proxy server 180 acts as an agent. The proxy server 180 takes requests from the wireless client 405, obtains the requested information from the Internet 190, and re-formats and sends the requested information back to the wireless client 405. The proxy server 180, acting in this manner, can hide the relatively chatty and bandwidth intensive protocols used by standard Internet 190 servers from the wireless link.

(Page 9, Paragraph 137). With regards to a *configuration* of the *Hawkins* system, the following is the only reference Applicant's discovered:

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Configuration support includes mechanisms for configuring the proxy server 180 for different environments, adjusting performance settings, displaying usage statistics, etc. These are all tasks that a system administrator performs when first setting up the proxy servers 180 and also performs periodically in order to keep the proxy servers 180 tuned and to monitor their performance. Trouble-shooting support includes mechanisms for an engineer to debug problems with the design and to enable special purpose diagnostics. Because of the distributed nature of the proxy server 180, these functions are controlled remotely. In order to enable remote control, the proxy server 180 processing resources support a telnet-like connection for these purposes.

(Page 57, Paragraph 724). Applicants were unable to find a discussion in *Hawkins* of maintaining a list of registered component interfaces. With regards to *Halahmi*, a WAP proxy server 16 is disclosed as follows:

WAP proxy server 16 receives the WAP-compatible request and passes the request to an e-mail server

(Column 5, Line 49). Applicants were unable to find a discussion of a configuration of *Halahmi's* system or a discussion of maintaining a list of registered agents.

The above recitations certainly do not disclose providing a service module within the integrated communication server, the service module operable to: process network configuration requests, process subscriber configuration requests, and maintain a list of registered interfaces. For at least this reason, Applicants submit that independent Claim 1 is allowable over the cited references.

Independent Claims 5, 9, 13, and 21 recite limitations that are similar, although not identical, to limitations of Claim 1. Therefore, Claims 5, 9, 13, and 21 are allowable over the cited references for analogous reasons.

Applicants' dependent Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, and 14-19 are allowable based on their dependence on the independent Claims 1, 5, 9, and 13 and further because they recite numerous additional patentable distinctions over the cited reference of the rejection. Because Applicants believe they have amply demonstrated the allowability of independent Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, and 21 over the cited reference of the rejection, and to avoid burdening the record, Applicants have not provided additional detailed remarks concerning these dependent claims. Applicants,

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however, remain ready to provide such remarks if it becomes appropriate to do so. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-21.

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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons and for reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stand ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179 of Siemens Corporation.

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